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GVHC Quarterly Meeting Set For May 14; Board Approves 'Range Check' For Fee

Monday, May 14, has been set for the next quarterly membership meeting of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation. The meeting will be held at the Administration building on Hamilton Place, starting at 8:15 p.m. Among matters to be discussed is the GVHC bid for construction of a new postoffice building. Bids must be submitted by May 19.

The GVHC board of directors re-examined its position with regard to the safety and maintenance of electric ranges, at last Friday night's meeting. The board was very anxious that all ranges be properly safeguarded against electric shocks of the type reported in the *News Review* of two weeks ago. However, the board did not feel that it could check all the ranges for possible shorts without charging a fee.

Range Check

GVHC manager Paul Campbell stated that at the time of original installation all the ranges were properly grounded. He reported that GVHC superintendent Dave Kane insists that any new ranges installed or reworked be also grounded according to manufacturer's specifications. However, Campbell added, it is possible that some of the older ranges are no longer properly grounded or the ground wires have been removed by the users for various purposes. For a nominal fee, Campbell stated, maintenance will be glad to check any member's range, if there is any doubt about its safety.

In another move reaffirming existing policy, the board voted against removing at corporation expense electrical box installations from closets in the end units of defense houses. Petitions had been received from end house residents suggesting that the electrical boxes be shifted to outside shelters so as to provide the end houses with additional closet space.

In denying the petitions, the board felt that the persons purchasing the end units were fully aware at the time of purchase that the electrical installation would remain as is and that it would be unfair to the rest of the membership for the corporation to shoulder this expense. About 130 units would be involved, costing an estimated \$30,000.

Spring Spruce

With the coming of spring, Campbell reported, GVHC has taken several steps to spruce things up. It has started the repair and repaving of broken sidewalks, especially in the north end of town. GVHC has also employed "Pop" Bell to inspect courts and bring to the attention of member areas which need cleaning, fence mending, and shrubbery. Campbell hopes that members will take advantage of the advice offered by "Pop" Bell to improve the appearance of their property. So far, Campbell stated, "Pop" reports excellent cooperation from the members approached.

Other action of the board included an appropriation of \$75 for the sponsorship of a Little League baseball team and the approval of using GVHC common property near the proposed gas station on Southway for completion of the screen planting to be erected on Warner-Kanter land. The board, however, rejected the placement of sewage lines for the filling station alongside the 10 Court.

BAKE SALE

The Center School PTA will sponsor a "Bake Sale" Saturday, May 5, 9:30-noon in the Center. Proceeds of the sale will benefit the school cafeteria.

Center PTA Elects Harman President

Emory A. Harman, 23-B Ridge, was elected president of the Center School Parent-Teacher Association at that organization's final meeting of the year, last Tuesday in the school auditorium.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Irene Eanes, vice president; Mrs. Boyd Nelson, secretary; and Richard E. Heise, Jr., treasurer.

Harman, who finished the present term as president following the mid-term resignation of Morris Solomon, expressed his gratitude to the members and pledged his utmost effort for the welfare of the association.

The meeting opened with an invocation by Robert Garin, chairman of the religious committee of the Jewish Community Center. Following the committee reports, a short musical program was heard during the counting of the ballots. Mrs. Ethel Gerring sang "Trees," and "You'll Never Walk Alone," accompanied by Lucille Lushine, and the audience sang "America the Beautiful" and "Home on the Range," led by Mrs. Isabel Pen-tony.

The Long View

By Al Long

I have just returned from an interesting tour of military duty at Governors Island, New York. Security regulations prevent me from telling much about it but I can assure you that the reserve forces are developing and expanding very substantially—in fact, one of my reserve officer friends gained a total of thirty-five pounds in one year.

While I was gone the *News Review* published a short two-page squib by Bob Volckhausen about GCS. I am pleased to see that Bob finally agrees with me—ten years and ten thousand words later.

I also notice that the editorial section finally has an issue, the recreation program. Here are some other issues which I'd like to see fully covered by the *News Review* and interested civic groups, matters which are important to Greenbelt and Greenbelters:

1. What or who is preventing our fourth grade kids from getting free polio shots?

2. What should we do about a zoning application which will permit row housing on certain undeveloped land areas?

3. What should we do about the appearance of certain courts which detract from the community because of non-approved fences, spot painting of homes and general unkempt, and unsightly yards?

4. What should we do about the expansion of our commercial facilities without providing increased parking space?

Now this is a good platform for any candidate and a fine campaign for a live, active, community-minded newspaper. A few years ago in Greenbelt sparks would fly but we are getting old, lazy and complacent. I doubt if any of our so-called civic groups, city officials or individual citizens do more than restrain a polite yawn. Such is Greenbelt in 1956.

Girl Scouts Plan Program, Activities

The Greenbelt Girl Scouts are now busily engaged in establishing program and activity for a successful, effective fall season. Girls between the ages of 7 and 18 years of age are invited to participate in scouting.

To place your youngster on the waiting list, contact either Mrs. Albert K. Herling, Center Organization Chairman, Gr. 3-4252 or Mrs. Robert Garin, North End Organization Chairman, Gr. 3-7031, officials reported.

There is still a dire need for adult leaders and consultants to help the Girl Scouts in our community. "You will be doing our youngsters a great service if you will pick up your phone, call one of the aforementioned women, and volunteer your services," it was announced.

NOTICE

There will be a special meeting of the Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held in the Council Room of the Municipal Offices, Tuesday, May 8, 1956 at eight o'clock.

1. This meeting is called for the purpose of the City Council's acting on Petition A-2721 and Petition A-2722 to rezone land in Block 45, Berwyn Heights, from RR Zone to C-1 and C-2 respectively.

2. Act on Rezoning Amendment A-2751 to rezone 100 ft. strip between Greenbelt Road and South Line of Industrial-1 zoning.

3. Act on Petition A-2676 to rezone 125 acre tract of Pollin property from RPC to Industrial-1.

WINFIELD McCAMY,
City Clerk.

Tools Looted From GCS Building Site

The tool shed of the George Martin Construction Company, located on the GCS property in the rear of the food store, was burglarized of tools and materials valued at some \$650.00, last Sunday night, City manager Charles McDonald disclosed.

McDonald stated that police were working on the case, but did not indicate whether there were any suspects.

Local Girl Scouts View Military Review

Greenbelt girl scouts will be represented by 75 girls and 11 leaders and mothers when the U.S. Army honors the Girl Scouts of America this Sunday with a parade by the Third Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer, Virginia. In addition to 18 Brownies and 56 Intermediates present will be one senior girl scout, who will serve as a monitor at the colorful ceremony. They will come from ten of the 18 troops in Greenbelt. About 12,000 area girl scouts are expected to review the parade.

GCS Area Membership Meeting Story; 'No Reply' Yet to Volckhausen by Board

By Rhea G. Kahn

Greenbelt members of Greenbelt Consumer Services, holding their annual "area membership meeting" last Thursday, elected 13 delegates to the GCS "congress" from a field of 15 candidates. A total of 161 proportional-representation ballots were cast, and those elected—in order of election—were:

Walter J. Bierwagen of Cheverly; Matthew K. Amberg, 10-D Southway; T. George Davidsen, 58-J Crescent; Mrs. Ann Jarvis, 10-S Southway; Rev. Robert C. Hull, 33-K Ridge; George M. Esh-

FREE POLIO SHOTS

Prince Georges county is giving free polio vaccinations to children of county residents, aged one to fifteen years, regardless of means or any other test. Clinics at the County Service Building in Hyattsville are booked solid for weeks in advance. For appointments call the county health department.

Mayor Throws Ball At Li'l League Opener

Sunday, May 6 marks opening day for the 1956 version of the Greenbelt Little League. The first game of the new season pits Co-op, American league and city champions, versus the National league victors, the Pirates.

Preceding the initial contest, residents will be treated to a parade, starting at 12:30 p.m., originating at Plateau Place and Ridge. Parade Marshal "Chuck" Link will lead the march down Ridge road, through Gardenway and the Center, and up Southway to McDonald Field. Featured in the gala affair will be the Majorettes and the Greenbelt Band, followed by Little League officials and member teams.

A program of ceremonies will be offered at the Little League diamond, highlighted by the Bill Moore trophy presentation for 1955's most valuable player. Traditionally, the selection is kept secret until announced by the donor.

In addition to the huge crowd expected at the festivities, there will be many local dignitaries present, most notable of these being Mayor Canning who will throw out the first ball.

Rescue Squad Notes

The April report of the Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad to the State Police at Pikesville included the following: There were twelve day and thirteen night calls. There were fifteen female and two male patients transported and treated. Their calls included a total of fifteen for both emergency and routine transportation. The ambulance was out four times to accompany the fire trucks and there was one standby duty call for Laurel as requested by the fire board and one emergency case at Lakeland. Three maternity cases were included.

The ambulance was out 37 hours and 6 minutes for a total mileage of 539. Eighty-four men responded to the above calls for a total of 148 man hours.

Lately, it seems, stairways—or rather defective stairways, or obstructed stairways—have been the cause of several accidents. Also loose mats and carpets at the heads of stairs have been responsible for some accidents. Keeping your stairways safe means less mileage for the ambulance and rescue squad and will help you to avoid making their acquaintance.

"Conversion of Saul" Baptist Film Showing

The sound film "The Conversion of Saul" will be shown during evening worship service of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel, Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m. in the Center school.

This film, produced by Cathedral Films, Inc., depicts the conversion experience of the Apostle Paul. It was selected to present visually the Sunday School lesson which will be taught Sunday morning and in keeping with expository messages, "The Young Church In Action" based on the Acts of the Apostles by the pastor, Rev. Glenn W. Samuleson.

Dr. James T. McCarl will lead the congregational singing.

baugh, 13-A Ridge; Albert K. Herling, 13-M Ridge; Sam Schwimer, 45-M Ridge; Mrs. Jane Hunt, 3-D Research; James N. Wolfe, 3-D Gardenway; Mrs. Carolyn R. Miller of University Park and Hans Jorgensen, 19-E Hillside. Bierwagen, Davidsen, Eshbaugh, Herling, Hull, Jorgensen, Mrs. Miller, Rosenzweig, and Schwimer are incumbent congress members. Fourteenth place in the election went to city councilman James C. Smith, 4-H Southway, who will serve as "alternate."

As a result of lack of publicity about this election and procedures for becoming a candidate, the meeting recommended to the GCS board of directors, on motion by Amberg, that notice of future congress elections be published well in advance, with information about candidates to appear in GCS' Co-op Newsletter.

The meeting, attended by about 150 members, was marked by clashes between chairman Rosenzweig (in his capacity as chairman of the Greenbelt delegation to the congress) and members present on what matters were germane to the agenda and how much time should be devoted to them. The GCS Annual Report was accepted at the very end of the long meeting after defeat of a motion to table it.

Lack of Information?

There was much discussion on information to be included in the annual report and the cost of distributing additional information to the members. On motion by Leonard Baron the meeting requested that breakdowns of operating figures among the different areas in which GCS operates and among the various stores within the areas be available in mimeographed form at the annual area meetings. Previously a motion by Wilton Dickerson to include this information in the annual report mailed to all members was defeated after statements by treasurer Robert T. Bonham and management representatives that inclusion of such information would be too expensive and not of interest to enough members.

Limit Lift OK'd

Recommended changes in the GCS corporate charter also evoked extensive discussion. Voting in an advisory capacity only, the meeting favored - by about three to one - raising the authorized capital stock of the corporation from one million to fifty million dollars and lifting the thousand-dollar limitation on ownership of stock by any individual. Lifting the limit on capitalization was in line with the emphasis on growth of the co-op by Bonham in his keynote address to the meeting.

In response to requests for some reply to Walter R. Volckhausen's critique of GCS published recently in the *News Review*, GCS president Bierwagen said that Volckhausen "... was not fully cognizant of the facts..." The onus of this withdrawal (from the Potomac Co-operative Federation) is not on us..." Rosenzweig stated he assumed the board of directors would present some reply to the members; their executive committee is now compiling the board's reaction to the critique.

Pressed for some defense in the matter of rezoning the site for the new Greenbelt gasoline station, Bierwagen agreed GCS public relations were in error. Rosenzweig described it as "a failure of communication."

APPROPRIATE?

May I suggest that the account of the GCS Annual Area meeting be run in the space and type reserved for obituaries? A heavy black border would be most appropriate.

Bruce Bowman



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"... An Unfettered Tongue ..."

The area membership meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services clearly pointed out again that control of the "cooperative" has lapsed from the membership to management. The target aspect of the situation is that the membership is responsible to a great degree. As with all organized groups, permitting the person or persons in power to gain greater and greater control eventually leads to full control. This permission was granted mainly by membership lethargy and disinterest. If the members have lost their voice in the operation of GCS, it is their own fault. To restore any semblance of democratic participation in the "nation's largest consumer co-op" will be a hard struggle, and the odds are overwhelming.

At present, members can cast one proxy vote. At last week's meeting it was apparent to many present that only one segment of the members had been primed as to the proper use of the proxy ballot. There are assertions that the segment was mainly GCS employees, who were attending and voting under the eye of their boss.

What is proposed now, is that members shall sign away their voting rights in the form of a proxy to the secretary of the co-op. The secretary will then be able to cast all the proxies (except for those with specifically written instructions for voting spelled out) at his own whim, or more likely at the instruction of the management-dominated board of directors. The individual member will still have only one proxy allowed him.

This is a practice similar to those used by large corporations; but it follows that GCS is "corporation-minded" and would naturally follow the trend. This big-business concept of co-operatives has one interesting sidelight: Councilman James Smith, who has a public record of scoring the local cooperative as a monopoly, and has continually fought for the rights of private enterprise to establish in the community, ran as a candidate for the GCS Congress. He was elected as an alternate.

The record of GCS in the community, in recent years, has shown that it has not been placing much emphasis on the welfare of the local citizens, particularly when such welfare is in conflict with its own business motives. Smith may find the going rough; no man can serve two masters.

The meeting also disclosed that the dissemination of information and education for the cooperative is in the hands of management. This was formerly a treasured prerogative of the board. Now we find a newsletter printed periodically, and a yearly report of expensive format, distributed to the members by the management through its "public relations" and advertising agencies. These two mediums drew expressions of opposition from the members. (We might add that this newspaper receives yearly reports from numerous multi-million dollar corporations, and the GCS report looks the most costly.)

There is one facet of the cooperative that has not been eliminated—yet. This is the proportional representation ballot used to elect the Congress. As a result of this type of election, which is designed to guarantee that different viewpoints are included on an elected board, several Congress members were elected from the "loyal opposition." How effective their voice will be remains to be seen.

Past experience has shown that the voice of the Congress is ineffective. But it is often important for that voice to be heard, just for the record. The means of expression for the membership is so limited now that any opportunity to be heard is welcome. In this regard, the News Review still remains the open forum it has been in the past.

Many interested citizens and GCS members who recognize the value of an open forum provided by the News Review contributed money to permit us to print the "Volckhausen Report." The GCS board as yet has refused to answer the charges made by Volckhausen.

However, we hope that the new board of directors will be so constituted that it will have ears to hear the expression of membership opinion, eyes to recognize the issues before them, and an unfettered tongue to establish better communications with the membership.

And a sensitive nose would be no handicap, either.

North End PTA Hears Wolfe On Recreation

At a North End school PTA meeting held last Tuesday, Donny Wolfe, recreation director, discussed plans for forthcoming recreation in Greenbelt. Swimming periods for children will be increased from three to four, with 15 lessons in each session. There will be an adult swimming class on Saturday mornings. Bobby Dove will be the director of swimming instruction. The roller skating program for the junior high children has proved so successful that it has been expanded to include elementary age levels also. One hundred pairs of smaller skates have been ordered. Money has been set aside for resurfacing the tennis courts. No money has been appropriated for tot play-

ground supervisors or tennis instruction.

The PTA membership passed a resolution to send a letter of protest to the city council and appointed a committee to attend the next council meeting.

The second speaker, Mr. D. Robinson, supervisor from the County Recreation Board outlined the program for the summer playground at the North End school, which will be held from June 27 to August 17. He stated that the success of the program depended on local recreation councils to supply the facilities, arts and craft materials, athletic equipment and volunteer help and transportation.

Local 'Master Plan' in Final Stages; Council To Elect New Member May 28

By Claude Wimberly

A master zoning plan was practically complete, Mayor Tom Canning stated following Tuesday night's special meeting of the city council. He said all that remained was for the council to hear an expression of the views of Joseph Kanter, of the Warner-Kanter interests, and to draw together the conclusions arrived at in this series of special meetings and apply them to the comprehensive map which is being prepared by the Maryland Park and Planning Commission.

Despite the request of the council that the commission hold in abeyance all requests for zoning until completion of a "master plan", and the commission's willingness to go along with the request, word has been received that they can no longer defer action on certain requests for zoning. Therefore, the council has scheduled a special meeting for May 8 at which time it will make recommendations regarding these particular cases, and attempt to wrap-up its over-all plan.

Election May 28

Queried as to when the council expects to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jim Wolfe, it was disclosed that the council will make its selection from proposed candidates on its regular meeting on May 28. It was pointed out that an earlier date (April 14) would be impractical since councilman Robert Hurst expects to be away from the city at that time on a business trip to the West Coast.

Thus far, the names of Ben Goldfaden, Harry Weidberg, Bernard Krug, and Mrs. Hayward Hunt have been proposed. Krug, however, has been declared ineligible by the city clerk.

Councilman Hurst requested McDonald clarify the ordinance relative to the playing of ball by small children in the play areas about the city. Hurst pointed out that many of the areas were posted to the effect that ball playing was not permitted. McDonald said this prohibition pertained to organized games of baseball, or games where in a ball was batted, or kicked (as in football). But, he stated, there was nothing in the ordinance that prohibited the type of games wherein a ball was tossed — such as games of catch.

McDonald stated that there was a "crying need" for adequate recreational areas (such as ball diamonds) and cautioned the council to examine carefully the sales contracts entered into by GVHC and the purchasers of the land. These contracts, he pointed out, specifically provide that certain percentages of the areas involved in the sales, are to be set aside for recreational sites. McDonald said the council must be prepared to spend some money — perhaps a great deal of money — to buy up these parcels and develop them into useful recreational areas.

Architectural Committee?

The council also touched on the matter of establishing some sort of building code for the city, designed to curb the erection of unsightly additions to, or modification of, the present accepted standard architecture of Greenbelt. McDonald strongly urged the establishment of an architectural committee. He further advised the council that legislative machinery must be set up to establish such controls.

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Thursday, May 3 - 3:45 p.m., Brownie Troop No. 109 meets. 6:45 p.m., Junior Choir rehearsal. 7 p.m., Girl Scout Troop No. 49 meets. 8 p.m., Adult Choir rehearsal.

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Thursday, May 3 - 7:30 p.m., Midweek Service at Parsonage. Bible Study and Prayer. 8:30 p.m., Chapel Choir rehearsal.

Sunday, May 6 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday school. John S. Stewart, Jr., superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning Worship Service. Chapel Choir will sing. The pastor will preach on "Our Christian Heritage." 6 p.m., Training Union for all ages. Mrs. William B. Webster, director. New Members Class taught by the pastor. Evening Worship Service at 7 p.m. The sound film "The Conversion of Saul" will be shown. Monday, May 7 - 7:45 p.m., Sunday School Association meeting at East Washington Heights Baptist Church. Cars will leave the Parsonage at 7:15.

Friday, May 11 - 6:30 p.m., Chapel Pot Luck Supper. Place to be announced Sunday.

Churchmen's Dinner Hails 'Motherhood'

The Annual Mother's Day Banquet, given for the ladies of Community Church and their guests, by men of the church, will be held Friday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the church.

The speaker will be Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, President of Gallaudet College. He is known as one of the most interesting and humorous speakers in the Washington area. Music will be furnished by the popular male quartette of the Church — Kenneth Keeney, Richard Heise, Harold Hufendick, Raymond Finley, with Everett Whitbeck as pianist.

Whitbeck will also double in the evening as Head Waiter, with Stanley Edwards as Master Chef and Donald Wolfe as chairman of the dishwashing crew.

Presiding at the dinner will be Mrs. Maravene Clay, Chairman of the Cabinet of Community Church Women who will also introduce her successor, the newly elected chairman for the coming year.

This is an annual tribute by the men of Community Church to motherhood. Tickets may be purchased through the women's groups of the Church and at the Church office. Dinner reservations must be made well in advance since the Social Hall has always been filled.

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Most of us who have lived in Greenbelt have grown to love it. Here we have an almost perfect community. It's ideal for children. We don't need to go to a summer cottage to "get away from it all." We have a fine, adequate pool; there's a large picturesque lake for fishing and picnicking. There are schools, churches, and an adequate shopping center. Frankly, it's ideal. So why leave it?

The cold fact is that we are forced to leave if we need larger living quarters. Oh, true, it is fine for those who have a few children. It's an ideal haven for older couples. But, it's no fun for the crowded family.

There is an answer. Few of us realize, because we live in low assessed units, that the tax rate in Greenbelt is high. At present, that is necessary. But, as more and more homes are built, and they will be, the tax will proportionately go down. It is up to Greenbelt to encourage more building; it is to our benefit. By encouraging more building in and around Greenbelt, we will not only lower the taxes, but we will stop the transitory movement of many fine families. Hail to the pioneer builders who are staking their future on Greenbelt. They think enough of Greenbelt to gamble on her future.

For those who live in their own little puddles, and are the big frogs in them, this will matter little. For those who really love Greenbelt—unselfishly, hopefully—these souls are emerging and looking towards the future of our city.

For those who advocate even higher taxes, let them speak for themselves. In a real, living community, all can survive—not just a few. By encouraging larger and more adequate homes to be built, larger Greenbelt families can have a place to move when it becomes necessary. A lower tax rate will help the cause.

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Joseph Connolly, Marie's father, has just concluded a week's visit with the Kistlers, doing a "little sightseeing and a lot of landscaping."

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(DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY)

City Recreation Program Wrap-Up; What You Can Expect This Summer

By A Staff Reporter

It was disclosed today in an interview with Charles McDonald, city manager, that this summer Greenbelt parents will not be able to rely on supervised playgrounds for their kiddies recreation though Greenbelt playground areas will be refurbished and maintained. The 'austerity budget' adopted by city council last December provided no funds for such a playground program which last year cost the city about \$1400 in salaries. The city is planning to spend about \$1,000 for playground equipment, however, to bring almost all the playgrounds in the city up to standard, though not all fully equipped. Sand piles are out, however, for sanitary reasons.

It is costing the city \$9,180 in salaries to maintain these park areas. Of this amount \$1200 is spent to keep the baseball diamonds and tennis courts in playable condition. This year the tennis courts will be "patched"; funds for its complete overhauling were again not provided in the budget.

The county will again offer leadership of a supervised playground program for the older children. It is not yet determined where this will be located but if again at the North End school the city will not provide special bus service to this area. It will spend about \$500 for materials and additional personnel.

Citizens can look forward to a continuation of the swimming instruction program which is scheduled to begin shortly after the close of the school year. This earlier start will provide an additional swim session. The cost remains the same as last year: \$2 per 15-day session per child. More than half of the swimming pool budget of \$16,655 goes for personnel, but some new equipment such as a slide and diving board will be added to the pool this year as well as a new paint job.

It is expected that the popular soft ball and baseball groups will resume this summer and about \$1000 will be spent to provide leadership for these programs. In addition the city will spend about \$300 for umpires and scorekeepers.

McDonald revealed that \$500 is in the budget which may be used for a Fall after-school recreation program such as, tumbling classes, arts and crafts, etc. This type of program has not been offered for several years.

The city spends about \$1200 for youth center supervisors. At present there is no county help with this program. McDonald explained that since county funds are limited the city had to make a choice between accepting county help with the youth center or summer playground. It has chosen the latter. There is however some hope that the county will give some supervision to the Youth Center in the Fall if their budget permits.

Donnie Wolfe, Greenbelt recreation director, will probably be leaving for a new post overseas about the middle of June. McDonald said that the position will remain in the budget but that he did not think the city would necessarily have to hire someone in that classification. He thought it might be possible to have the job done by an "assistant recreation director."

Library Notes

Support of Federal legislation to help the states bring library services to 27 million Americans in rural areas presently without them was urged today by Grace V. Gosnell, President, Board of Library Trustees, Prince George's County Memorial Library.

"The free public library symbolizes educational opportunity in America. Its books, magazines, and newspapers keep Americans informed so they may vote intelligently. It helps children in their school work, young people needing vocational information, businessmen requiring statistics, men and women continuing education after formal schooling, and older adults seeking worthwhile activities after retirement.

"Citizens who recognize that we all gain when our neighbors have a better understanding of the problems on which they vote, should write now to their Congressmen and ask a favorable vote on the Library Services Bill. The bill is being sponsored by members of both parties.

"This bill would grant a total of \$7,500,000 a year for five years to states matching the grants for the purpose of bringing books and other library service to rural families who have no libraries whatever, and to improve library services for an additional 53 million Americans whose libraries are inadequate. The states and localities will have complete authority under the program established by the bill.

"Folk living in villages, small towns, and on the farms are entitled to the same educational and recreational advantages that city dwellers get from their well-developed library systems. This legislation would stimulate with modest funds the extension services of the various states for a limited period so that local communities in rural areas would be enabled to experience the advantages of libraries and then continue the services with local and state funds.

"Here in Prince George's County we stand to gain a great deal from this legislation. We do have some library services now, afforded by a staff of 40 people, 84,000 books, 410 hours per week for service, 10 community libraries, and two mobile branches. However, people in our County are demanding a great deal more. By first helping to see this legislation passed and then moving to secure attention from the state library agency, direct benefits may be achieved for our County."

Cub Packers Meet; "Can-Can" at National For Return Showing

The monthly Pack meeting was held at the Lutheran Church on Thursday evening, April 26. Opening ceremonies were conducted by boys of Den 2 (Mrs. J. Sanders, Den mother) and followed by group singing and games, conducted by Jim Keene, Cubmaster. In keeping with the theme of the month "Birds" Den 5 (Mrs. C. Link, Den mother) put on a skit, "Birds in a Nest."

Den 6 (Mrs. Leland Leasia, Den mother) and Den 2 exhibited bird houses built by the boys of the dens. Den 3 (Mrs. Larry Levine, Den mother) had a presentation on birds. The climax of the meeting was the awarding of the following by Keene:

Robert Carter and Chris Peters were sworn in and received Bobcat Pins. Grey Moyer, Dan Holman, Mark Rudy, Raymond Hudson and Tommy Sharp received Wolf badges.

Michael Rasch, Brian Hunt and Sidney Dalis each received 2 Silver Arrows. Dick Wertz received a Bear badge. Ross Luber received a Silver Arrow.

Closing ceremonies were conducted by the boys of Den 6. The next monthly Pack meeting will be held the 4th Thursday evening of May, at the Lutheran church. Any boy over 8 years of age is eligible to join Pack 229. Applications may be had by calling Jim Keene, 9383.

The boys of Pack 229 will visit a submarine which is stationed at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, on May 19, 10 a.m.

A certain Washington love-affair will go a step further on its course on Sunday, May 6. This is the affair that has been going on between theatre-goers of the Capital and the New York producing firm of Feuer and Martin.

The romance began when Feuer and Martin brought their production of "Guys and Dolls" here. Playgoers loved the show, and the producers of it returned their affection by bringing the heart-warming story of Damon Runyon's well-meaning grifters and gamblers, set to Frank Loesser's music, back to Washington again.

Then Feuer and Martin paid court again last summer by bringing their musical hit "Can-Can" here, direct from its two-year run in New York -- and once more Washington's heart warmed by jamming the National Theatre.

By December this romance grew more torrid when Feuer and Martin presented their N.Y. production of "The Boy Friend" here.

On May 6 Feuer and Martin's "Can-Can" will be brought back again for a one week's engagement at the National Theatre to accommodate those who had to be turned away from its performances last June and July. Since last summer it has played 44 weeks in 18 other cities all the way to California and back, and the company to be seen here beginning May 6 is exactly the same as was seen here last year.

The performance schedule will include an 8 p.m. curtain on Sunday night, May 6, and all the other evenings through May 12 will be at 8:30 - with the only matinee being on Saturday, May 12.

As may be surmised from its title, "Can-Can" has as one of its principal features a good many high-kicking demoiselles with their heels over their heads and black-stockinged, black-gartered legs thrashing in the most famous dance of France, under the choreographic direction of Michael Kidd.

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